

# **Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan**

## ***Notes from January Public Workshops 2007***

### **Attendance**

About 35 people attended the Thursday meeting, and another 35+ people attended the Saturday meeting.

### **What do you like about Trumansburg?**

*Workshop participants were asked to introduce themselves at the start of the meeting and identify something they particularly like about Trumansburg.*

#### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

Friendly  
Walkability  
Community Spirit  
Home Town  
Sense of Community  
Good scale  
Library  
The way it is  
School\*  
Potential  
Vibrant community  
Has a center  
Small  
Safety  
Needs can be met  
Variety of people  
Historic  
Homey  
Restaurants  
Places to get together  
Scale of Village  
The People  
Participation  
Family  
Not too much commercial sprawl

#### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

Rural residential  
Scale of Village  
Sense of community  
Walkability  
Everything  
Love it here  
Small -- willing to try things  
Future planning  
“One stop shopping”  
Don’t have to drive  
“Funky”  
Reminds me of New England  
Keeping business in center  
Good place to hang out  
Improving in a nice way  
Old architecture  
Friendly  
Sense of Place  
Close to Ithaca and national forest  
Sidewalks  
Authenticity  
Family  
Good place for kids  
Configuration: small center and rural politically minded

## 20-Year Vision Brainstorming

*Workshop participants were asked to work in small groups to brainstorm what they would like Trumansburg to be like in 20 years. The discussions were focused around six major elements of the Comprehensive Plan: 1) Environment; 2) Recreation; 3) Community; 4) Housing; 5) Economic Development; and 6) Land Use. The information provided by these groups will be used along with the results of the recent community survey to draft a vision statement for each of these sections. These vision statements will provide the foundation for the Comprehensive Plan.*

### Environment

#### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

##### ***Green Space***

- Preserving and expanding open space will be necessary to improve recreation
- Environment (green space) is tied to recreation
- Lucky to have green spaces just outside Village
- Use some existing green space for park/recreation (such as softball fields)
- Need to accommodate differing green space activities for youth or older adults
- Need to preserve stream banks
- Need to be concerned with preservation of water quality in streams
- Concerns about storm drainage System
- Move highway garage out of Village

##### ***Renewable Energy***

- Move slowly (study options carefully)
- Need to look for ways to access renewable energy
- Encourage use of renewable in Village (by residents)
- Consider geothermal
- Need to develop energy use inventory in Village, and develop energy use master plan

#### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- \*Public spaces – better stewardship.
- Creek areas – protect, public access, greenway, beautify.
- Recycling Center
- Power – ENERGY: Water mills, wind, Village power company
- Wind: Community support + some opposition
- \*Encourage green practices
- \*Better steward of creeksides/sewer
- Education of community
- Village Forest – Maintain, encourage tree planting
- Environmental Focus First -> Recreation activities
- Solar Panels – look into subsidies
- Water Quality
- Stewardship + partnership
- Sewage treatment
- Forests

## Recreation

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Black Diamond Trail\* - Land Easements?
- \*Cycleways – Federal money available, road markings – cycle awareness signage, safety
- Sidewalks – put money, regular maintenance
  - For all, but especially for seniors
  - Does Village contribute to sidewalk repair? - set aside money (create reserve fund)
- Connect the Village to the park\*
- Maps – places of local interest
- Bike entry/egress onto properties
- Cross country skiing at the school and/or golf course? Is this legal?

### ***Indoor Recreation***

- Bowling? - Seek to bring back
- School System – available for use, adult leagues and adult classes. Needs to be more widely publicized.
- Movie Theater – Arts
- Bookstores

### ***Youth (need funding?)***

- After School – tutoring, enrichment programs. Take advantage of expertise of retired teachers
- Tutor kids at younger level
- Clubs outside of sports
- Extend late bus service
- School Pool?
- Community Pool & Sauna? Charge a fee per member or per use? At Golf Course? Include hot tubs, sauna, steam room
- Skating Rink?
- Skate Park – tennis court-sized asphalt. Modular units – take it to school.
- Library – County cut funding? What to do? Lots of kids go after school. Has literacy programs.
- Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts – Movies?
- Masonic Temple – Recreation center??

### ***Recreation Center – outdoors***

- Soccer fields
- Playground for all ages
- Black Diamond Trail link by Smith Woods
- Community Education Program (existing)
- Summer concert area

### ***20 Years – Main Priorities***

- Publicly Funded
- Better utilization of existing facilities, Masonic Temple
- Swimming Pool
- Encourage a Bowling Alley
- Bicycle Paths

- Hikers' Paths
- Drama & Arts – after school activities

### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Black Diamond Trail – walk (hiking) to Ithaca and bike
- Walkability – extension to town. Continue the process of Walkability Study and Main Street Project Extension
- Improve pedestrian use on the road
- Skiing—at Golf Course
- Road biking – substantial shoulder
- Who is responsible for upkeep of sidewalks?
- North Entrance of Village – walkability
- Horse & Buggy lane?
- Traffic ques – slow, care
- Linked greenways – hiking, skiing, bicycling
- Snowmobiling – in consultation with Town
- Skating – flood school parking lot
- \*No funding of private interests with public money.

### ***Youth***

- Playground at school
- Basketball, tennis, baseball
- Community Pool\* -- teaching swimming, membership fee like YMCA, seek annexation by YMCA
- Pool location – privately owned? Broader appeal. If at school, only for youth? Expense, insurance. Tax incentive for private property? \*Intergenerational

### ***Skate Park***

- making space.
- How to incorporate non-conventional sports?
- Privately raised funds.
- Not mixed use.
- Balance/Green Space. Integration with the existing green space.
- Multi use.
- Greater community involvement.
- Long term?
- Issue will stay.
- Concrete? Portable? Size, scale? Parking? Comprehensive view? Horseshoes, bocci, multi use.

### ***Youth Facilities on School Property***

Already have insurance, parking, facilities. Skatepark? Pool?

### ***Recreation Facility***

- with pool, skatepark, etc.
- Multi-seasonal, linked accessible, land, walkable.
- \*Intergenerational- family inclusive.
- \*Program building – widely use.

- Sustainability of the actual facility
- Coordination with the school +facility+partnerships.
- Cost and burden SHARED.

### ***Other After School Activities***

Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts – classes, after school, pottery, drawing

### ***\*Outdoor Recreation –***

- programming to the LAKE, nature, fishing
- Signage to other green space

## **Community**

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- No more box buildings, e.g. video, family \$
- Main Street Project is great
- Need guidelines (not too restrictive) in keeping with buildings?, historic integrity, maintain facades
- Need architecture at Village entrances that sets tone for Village
- Parking lots behind buildings
- Historic Preservation – beautiful architectural diversity – keep it!
- Tourist information structure or sign
- New building should be in keeping with historic
- Consistent signage on Main Street facades

### ***Walkability***

- sense of safety and security
- Sidewalks not necessary, okay to walk in street
- Street trees are important, mature/dying trees need to be taken down
- Variety of styles in neighborhoods, no trailers

### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Consistency in building construction
- Respect historic tradition (architectural elements -- while reflecting contemporary aesthetics)
- Establish design guidelines (Re Main St. Project)
- Colonial “Welcome to T-Burg” with restrooms; must be maintained
- Site plan review that works (e.g., Prospect St. buildings on protected wetlands)
- Preservation of significant historic structures (e.g., Conservatory)
- No further development of cookie cutter/carbon copy houses
- Restoration of damaged buildings that’s in keeping with original structure (Bad example: laundrymat. Good example: library)
- Off street parking tucked behind building (library)
- Historically sensitive signage that welcomes visitors
- Passed guidelines must be enforced.
- Plant replacement trees.
- If and when bridge is replaced, would like village input regarding design.

- Location/building placement consistent with village.
- Free service for homeowner to improve property.
- Tax exemption as incentive to improve property.

## **Economic Development**

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Encourage location of employers
- Historic Value as asset
- \*\*Encourage local smaller businesses
- High value-added, low impact on environment
- \*Artists/craftspeople
- Internet-based
- Tourism
- Beautification/Aesthetics (current) – measure results
- \*Political unity of purpose
- \*Help home-based businesses have storefront on Main Street.
- Identify things that will make people want to come to Trumansburg
- Zoning/site plan to encourage the kinds of things we want.
- “Ulysses Bounty”/Youth community Center
- Maintain views/rural sense
- Keep affordable
- Maintain political independence
- Address poverty situation by providing employment opportunities
- Greater variety of stores
- Identify vision
- Maximize what’s here
- Wineries

### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Economics – TCSD – 40% low income family
- Zoning – Strengthen (no Dollar Stores)
- Annexation of Eastern corridor
- Tourism – destination experience
- Awareness – Educate about processes for planning and government
- Identify development parcels
- Water – coordinate with Town and County
- Recruit business strategically
- SOLE – “Support Our Local Economy”
- Who? TCAD, Local and County Chamber of Commerce
- Support unique aspect of community: creative/artists, tourism, don’t just be generic
- Land Use – High density and smart growth
- Take into account school districts – there is room to grow
- Code issues for upstairs space

- Donut Hole – Village, Ulysses, Tompkins in circular layers
- Economics – 40% free lunch in Village/Town at Trumansburg Central School District
- Zoning – how to encourage – Review to eliminate dollar stores
- Annexation – boundaries
- SOLE – Personal touch
- Tourism – B&B, heritage & history, dinners, destination experience, wine trails, Taughannock Falls, trade shows with T Falls, (Tompkins County Travel Guide) (Trumansburg Packages.com)
- Awareness – educate public about process
- Recruit business strategically: Kind, area, TC Area Development conversation, intro to business & services, workshops, more awareness. [TCAD, local and county Chamber, municipal bodies, zoning and planning boards]
- Identify parcels – chamber & village car park
- land west of ShurSave & Kinney's
- Land to North of Village
- Prospect to King/ Cayuga to Seneca
- Water District

## Housing

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Affordable housing
- More new homes within existing neighborhoods (infill) – i.e. demolition of dilapidated homes and replacement (cost of renovation is more than new construction)
- Housing density – needs to be reviewed – zoning code updated – mixed within neighborhoods
- Annexation – possibility to grow Trumansburg's housing stock
- Special needs children on rise in community - require different housing options
- Need more density options
- Maintenance of existing housing stock needs to be a focus in future
- Sidewalks to be a requirement with any new home including infill
- Zoning to allow for today's standards and demands, i.e. setbacks, existing housing stock to renovate and add on – garages, home-based businesses, and guest cottages/in-law suites
- Size inventory of housing would help us to better understand the existing housing stock and plan for the future.

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- Need density for efficient transportation and other service
- SKETCH with density of third and fourth floor housing
- Sidewalks for family housing
- Designate future street alignments through back lot areas
- Revolving infrastructure fund
  - Affordable housing for young people – apartments on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, especially along Main Street.

## Land Use

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Commercial use/retail
- High-density sections properly designed with greenspace
- Mixed use on 96/compatible
- Inactive agriculture land – how will it be developed?
- Properly identify zoned areas (scrub field) so we can use them properly.
- Mix of size for new housing development – affordable housing mixed in
- Town and Village zoning/planning should be coordinated, particularly at Village edge

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- Mixed Use
- New businesses keep within character of neighborhood
- Coordinating Comp Plan and Zoning Planning
- Keep updating signage
- Inactive agriculture and properly designated land use areas
- High density zoning for more affordable housing